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**DECISIONS OF VIRGINIA GENERAL COURT,
1626-1628.**

A Quarter Court held at James Citty, the 2nd day of July 1627, being present, Sr. George Yeardley, Knt., Govern^r &c. Capt. Fr: West, Mr. Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt. Mathews, Mr. Persey, Mr. Secretary, Capt. Tucker, & Mr. Farrar.

The 3rd. of July, 1627.

It is ordered that Alice Thornburg, for her offence in fighting with Annie Snoode, and beating her, whereby just suspicion may be had that she did injury a child in the wombe of ye said Anne Snoode & caused abortion, shall receive forty stripes at the whipping post. And that both the said Alice Thornburg & Anne Snoode if they shall breake their good behaviour shall be whipped then severall times in three dayes together.

It is ordered that Margaret Parten, the wife of Robert Parten, of Shirley hundred, for concealing the offence of Thomas Hayle lately executed, & for because she revealed not the same when it first came to her knowledge, but did earnestly wth'stand that it should any wayes be made knowne, shee shall be whipped & receive forty stripes.

FINIS CURIA.

A Court at James Citty, the 4th day of July, 1627, being present, Sr. George Yeardley, Knt. Govern^r &c. Capt. Fr: West, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt. Mathews, Mr. Persey, Mr. Claybourne, Capt. Tucker & Mr. Farrar.

At this court was thought fitt that we should draw out partyes from all our plantations & goe uppon the Indians & cut downe their corne, & further that we should sett uppon them all in one day, viz: the first of August next. The plantations, of the necke of land, & the Colledge to goe uppon Saax Powhattans, both the Sherley-hundred, Jordaines Journey, Chaplaines Choise, & Perseyes hundred, uppon ye tounes of the Weianoacks, & ye Appamatucks, the Corporation of James Citty uppon ye Chickahominies & the Tappahannoes, Warwike River, warosquoiacke,

& Newports-Newes uppon the plantation of the Warosquoyacks: Elizabeth Citty uppon ye Nansamungs & Chesapeakees. Commanders appointed for these services are these, viz: for Saax Powhattans, Left. Tho. Osborne* in cheife, Thos. Harris† seconde:

*Captain Thomas Osborne came to Virginia in November, 1616 (*Hotten*), and settled at "Coxendale," in the present Chesterfield county about 1625. He also patented land on Procter's creek, Henrico (now in Chesterfield) in 1637; was commissioner (justice) for "the upper parts" in 1631, and member of the House of Burgesses, 1629, 1629-30, 1631-2, and 1632-3. He had a son —² who had issue: I. Thomas,³ of "Coxendale," born 1641, died 1692; married Martha, widow of John Branch, and daughter of Thomas Jones, of Bermuda Hundred. He is frequently referred to in the records of Henrico, as "Mr. Thomas Osborne." His will was proved in Henrico, in May, 1692. He left his son John 200 acres of his plantation at Coxendale, wife Martha the use of his house, &c., for life, and gave his son Thomas the land where said son then lived. In the county levy of 1679 he was assessed with seven tithables, and at his death his personal estate was appraised at £208. 15. 6.; II. Edward,³ born 1646, died 1697: married Tabitha, daughter of Gilbert Platt. His will was proved in Henrico, April, 1697 ("will of Mr. Edward Osborne"), and gave his daughter Martha personal property, and his son Edward all his lands and remaining personal estate. Appoints his son-in-law [step-son?], Benjamin Branch, guardian of his two children.

Issue of Thomas³ and Martha (Jones) Osborne: I. Thomas,⁴ alive 1708; had a son Thomas,⁵ alive 1733. In June, 1696, Thomas⁴ Osborne, made a deed to Edward Osborne, conveying to him the land where the said Thomas Osborne lived at Coxendale "formerly granted to the said Thomas Osborne's great-grandfather, Captain Thomas Osborne," containing 200 acres.

Edward³ and Tabitha (Platt) Osborne had issue: I. Edward,⁴ born 1689, died about 1732, leaving a son, Captain Edward⁵ Osborne, who married a daughter of Wm. Eppes; II. Martha,⁴ married Benj. Branch.

It appears from the Henrico records (from which the preceeding account is derived) that — Osborne married Agnes —; had two sons, Joseph and William; and that — Osborne married Ann, daughter of Captain John Worsham, of Henrico.

Edward Osborne, Jr., was a justice of Chesterfield, 1749, and Edward Osborne, Jr. (possibly the same), in 1764. Edward Osborne was member of the House of Burgesses from Chesterfield, 1764. The family owned the lands around Osborne's warehouse, at the place on James river, now known as Osborne's.

The following are of record in Chesterfield county: (1) Will of John

for Appamatucke & ye Weianoacks, Ensigne Epes & Mr. Paulett,

Osborne, dated March 27, 1760; legatees: wife Ann, sons John, and Thomas, and daughters Frances, Martha and Ann. States that he has been at great expense in building on the land adjoining the warehouses (whose site he owned), and empowers his friend Thos. Friend, Jr., and his brother, Frances Osborne, to sell the remainder of the adjoining lands.

(2) Will of Edward Osborne; legatees: son Edward, 44 negroes; daughter Lucy Peterson, 26 negroes; daughter Agnes Goode, 18 negroes; daughter Betty Eppes Branch, 7 negroes, and in addition 9 other negroes, for her life, with reversion to her children; granddaughter, Elizabeth Peterson, one negro; grandson, Thos. Goode, one negro; to daughter, Lucy Peterson, all she owed him; rest of estate to son Edward, who is appointed executor. Dated April 1st, 1781.

(3) Will of Thomas Osborne: wife, Frances; sons Thomas and Francis, children of brother-in-law, Col. Edward Friend, and of brother, Francis Osborne. He owned land near Osborne's warehouse. Dated Nov. 13, 1781. Proved, 1782.

(4) Will of Edward Osborne: Martha, daughter of Wm. Watkins, of Dinwiddie county, £600, &c.; Benj. Branch, Jr.; John, son of John Archer; James Thweatt; rest of estate to sisters Lucy Peterson, Agnes Goode and Betty Eppes Branch. Dated March 7, 1783.

(5) Will of Francis Osborne: sons, Daniel and Francis; daughters, Jane, Edith, Martha, Lucy and Elizabeth; daughter, Mary Hardaway Markham's children. Dated Dec. 1, 1791.

(6) Will of Thomas Osborne: cousin, Martha McCallum; cousin, Joseph Friend; cousin, Mary Markham; nephew, Thos. Osborne Taylor. Dated March 12, 1795.

(7) Deed, October 22, 1766, from Edward Osborne and Elizabeth, his wife, and others; conveying land where Thomas Branch, deceased, of Kingsland, lived. (8) Deed, 1763, from Thomas Osborne, of Chesterfield, to Thomas Cole, of Charles City, for a lot in Gatesville (now "Osbornes"). (9) Deed, May 22, 1771, from Francis Osborne, gent., of Chesterfield, and Mary, his wife, to Edward Osborne, gent., of same.

† Captain Thomas¹ Harris came to Virginia in 1611, and settled in the present Henrico county; received grants of land 1635-38; was a member of the House of Burgesses 1623, 1639, and 1647. He married (1) Adria ———, (2) Joane ———, and had issue: I. Thomas,² died unmarried, will proved in Henrico June, 1679; II. Major William³ Harris, of Henrico, member of the House of Burgesses 1653, 1656, 1657-8; will proved Henrico February 1, 1678; married Lucy ———; III. Mary,³ born 1625, married Colonel Thomas Lygon, of Henrico.

Major William³ and Lucy Harris had issue: I. William,³ of St. Peter's

& to make choise of their seconde: For the Chickahominies Capt. Pierce, in cheife, Mr. Harwood seconde: For the Tappahannacs, Capt. West in Cheife, Mr. Grindon seconde: For the Waroquoyacks, Capt. Mathews, for the Nansamungs, Lt. Tho: Purfury, for the Chesapiracks, Ensign Willoby.

And further it is thought expedient that Left. Peppet doe goe in ye good shipp called the Virgin into Pamunky River & to

Parish, New Kent, in 1694, married Mary —; II. Edward,³ of New Kent, 1698, married Mary —; III. Thomas,³ of Henrico, will proved June, 1730; married Mary —.

Thomas³ and Mary Harris had issue: I. Sarah,⁴ died unmarried, will proved in Cumberland September 24, 1753; II. Mary,⁴ married — James; III. Edith,⁴ married (1) Henry Trent, (2) — Osborne, (3) — Patrick; IV. Anne,⁴ married — Booth; V. Phœbe;⁴ VI. Thomas,⁴ died unmarried; will proved in Henrico August, 1741; VII. Francis,⁴ died unmarried; will proved in Henrico August, 1743; VIII. John,⁴ will proved Cumberland May, 1751; married —; IX. William,⁴ will proved Powhatan December 18, 1794; married (1) — Osborne (and had a daughter, Mary, who married George Markham), (2) Elizabeth Ward, widow of Bernard Gaines, of Cumberland county; X. James,⁴ will proved Cumberland July 29, 1767; married Sarah Bailey; XI. Benjamin.⁴

John⁴ and (—) Harris had issue: I. Elizabeth,⁵ married Samuel Flournoy; II. John,⁵ of "Norwood," will proved Powhatan November 19, 1800; was member of the Cumberland County Committee of Safety 1775-6; married, in 1764, Obedience, daughter of Thomas Turpin and his wife, Mary Jefferson, aunt of President Jefferson.

William⁴ and Elizabeth (Ward-Gaines) Harris had issue: I. Colonel Thomas,⁵ of "Millwood," Powhatan county, born November 26, 1762, died September 19, 1815; married his cousin, Caroline M. Harris; II. Sally,⁵ married William Turpin; III. Elizabeth,⁵ married Vincent Markham; IV. Alice,⁵ married Francis Goode.

James⁴ and Sarah (Bailey) Harris had issue: I. Colonel Thomas, of Powhatan, no issue; will proved General Court November 22, 1810; member of Cumberland County Committee of Safety 1775-6; married Frances, daughter of John Moseley; II. William,⁵ of Bedford county; III. John,⁵ of Buckingham county; IV. James,⁵ of Chesterfield, married Ursula, daughter of Samuel Flournoy; V. Phœbe,⁵ married — Far-
rar; VI. Mary.⁵

For proofs of this pedigree and a continuation, see "A Chart of the Descendants of Captain Thomas Harris * * * with an Appendix of Illustrative Documents."

ride there to put the Indians in expectation of our coming thither, whilst the aforesaid business is in doing.

It is also thought fitt that about the beginning of October next, there be sufficient number of men drawne out from all the plantations of the Colony to go to Pamunky or any other partes to take & spoile as much corne as they shall light on, & to doe what other hurt and damage to the Indians that they may.

A court at James Citty, the 17th of September: 1627, p'sent Sr. George Yeardley, Knt., Govr. &c: Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, & Mr. Secretary.

Divers examinations being taken and heard concerning the unquiett life wth they ye people of Archers Hope lead through the scoldings, railings & fallings out, wth Amy the wife of Christopher Hall & other abominable contentions happening between them, to the dishon^r of God & the breach of the King's peace, The Court hath thereuppon ordered that the said Amy shall be toughed aboard the Margaret & John & ducked three times, & further that Christopher Hall, John Upton, Robert Fitt, & Wilim Harrom & Amy the wife of the said Christopher Hall, & Anne the wife of the said Robert Fitt, shalbe all bound unto their good behaviour and to appeare at ye Quarter Court after Christmas.

A court at James Citty the 10th of October, 1627. Present: S^r George Yeardley K^{nt} Gov: &c. Capt. West, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Mr. Persey, Mr. Secretary, Capt. Tucker, & Mr. Farrar.

Whereas there remaines certain of ye Duty Boyes whose first seven yeares of service as apprentices expired in may last past, & where from that time to begin to serve other seven yeares as Tenants too halves; the court hath ordered that the sayd boyes shall for the sayd time of seven yeares as Tenants too halves serve S^r George Yeardley our now Govern^r, & that he have the benefitt of their service, or to make Composition wth them for the same as they shall agree wth him; and this the Court doth the rather order in regard that all the Tenants belonging to ye place of Governe. are now freed, & noe meanes remaining for the maintenance of his place.

Uppon the request of the Govern^r to the Court in the behalfe of serv^t Richard Popely, it is ordered that fifteen hundred pounds waight of Tob^o be this yeare paid unto him out of some of those fines that are now dew unto ye publique whereby ye estate of ye sayd Popely may be relieved, & in some sort restored, he being a man that both heretofore & is still ready to do good service to ye Colony. And having for this year given his attendance uppon ye Governor, and being to continue in his employments until the Spring.

A Court at James Citty, ye 11th of October, 1627. Present: S^r George Yeardley, Kt. Gov: &c., Capt. West, in pomeridires, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Mr. Persey, Mr. Secretary, Capt. Tucker, & Mr. Farrar.

It is ordered that John Phillips & Joan White for their offence in comitting fornication, whereby the said Joan White had a bastard, shall be whipped at ye post at James Citty & receive 40 stripes apeace: and further that Mr. Persey doe take such course as they may be seperated and not suffered to come together. The court having taken into their consideration the danger w^{ch} might ensue to the Colony by those Indians of the Carib Ilands w^{ch} were lately brought into ye country by Capt. Sampson, & having admonished the said Capt. Sampson to consider wth himself what profit he could make by the said Indians, & to devise wth himselfe soe to dispose of them, as that they may prove noe discomoditie to ye Colonie: The said Capt. Sampson hath returned his answer to ye Court, that he knoweth noe way or meanes to dispose of those Indians but deliverethe them wholly upp into our hands to dispose of them as we shall please.

The Court hereupon having had longe & full deliberation of this matter, & being likewise given to understand by good information that the said Indians have runn away & hid themselves in the woods attempting to goe to ye Indians of this country as some of them have revealed & confessed, and for that they have stolen away divers goods, & attempted to kill some of our people as by good probability we are informed: And for that especially they may hereafter be a means to overthrow the whole Colony, have adjudged them to be presently taken & hanged till they be dead.

A Court at James Citty the 12th of October, 1627, being present, Sr. George Yeardley, Knt., Govr. &c: Capt. West, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt. Mathews, Mr. Persey, Mr. Secretary, Capt. Tucker & Mr. Farrar.

The voiadge of going to Pamunky was taken into consideration.

It was the opinion of the Court that Capt. Mathews should doe his best endeavor to procure such a number of volunteers through the whole colony as may be sufficient to goe to Pamunky or uppon any other Indians or enemies: and after notice thereof by him given to ye court, there shall be a comission granted unto him to authorise him in the prosequeution of that voidadge.

A Court at James Citty the 13th of October, 1627, being present S^r George Yeardley, K^{nt}, Gov. &c., Capt. West, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt. Mathews, Mr. Persey, Mr. Secretary, Capt. Tucker, & Mr. Farrar.

The Court being informed that divers planters at Accomacke doe intend at the Old plantation Creeke and at Mayty Bay on that Shoare, to erect some new plantations & to seat themselves in such sort as may be both inconvenient & dangerous upon full and longe deliberation concerning the same, have resolved in noe sort to permit such their planting, but rather to keep them, as much as may be, seated closely together, & rather more especially to endeavour the full planting of ye forest then any other place.

A PERSWASIVE TO TOWNS AND COHABITATION.

[At the instance of Mr. Barton H. Wise, a member of the Executive Committee, the Virginia Historical Society recently acquired a written copy of Makemie's "Plain and Friendly Perswasive," which we reprint. The following biographical note was prepared by Mr. Wise, who has collected much valuable material relating to the history of the Eastern Shore.]

Francis Makemie was born near Rathmelton, County Done-